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Attorney Docket No. P5578NONPRO
Client/Matter No. 80168.00126

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER
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DECLARATION:

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AUCTION PROXY BID ENGINE**, the specification of which is filed concurrently herewith.

The persons named as inventors in this application are Ying XIE; Elaine CHIEN; and Peter WILLIAMS.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

No prior foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate has been filed.

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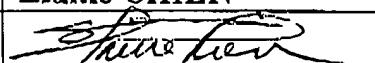
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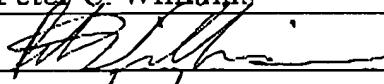
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Ying XIE, having a residence address of 879 Salt Lake Drive, San Jose, CA 95133; Elaine CHIEN, having a residence address of 4786 Cheeney Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054; and Peter C. WILLIAMS, having a residence address of 107 Annic Lane, Santa Cruz, CA 95062, have made a certain new and useful invention relating to an EFFICIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AUCTION PROXY BID ENGINE, for which we are making or have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application being identified by Docket No. P5578NONPRO and Client/Matter No. 80168.0126 in the law firm of Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P. Columbia Square, 555 13th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004-1109, and which is executed concurrently herewith, and

WHEREAS, we now own the entire right, title and interest therein; and

WHEREAS, Sun Microsystems, Inc., hereinafter ASSIGNEE, a Delaware corporation, whose post office address is 901 San Antonio Road, MS PAL01-521, Palo Alto, CA 94303, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention, said application, and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, upon consideration of our employment and other good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell and assign unto ASSIGNEE and ASSIGNEE's legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application, and the Letters Patent, both of the United States and of other countries, and inventor's certificates, that may or shall issue thereon; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE, consistent with the terms of this Assignment.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, we do hereby covenant with ASSIGNEE that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoevcr conflicting with this assignment, and that we will, at any time upon request, without further or

additional consideration, but at the expense of ASSIGNEE, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable to perfect ASSIGNEE's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in applying for and obtaining original, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, reexamined, renewal, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of other countries, or inventor's certificates, on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or causes in action accruing as a result of such applications, certificates, or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications, certificates, or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals on the date hereinafter set forth.

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